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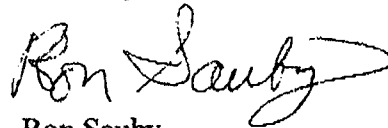
Dear Renata Hesse:

My letter is being sent for the settlement phase in *U.S. vs. Microsoft*. I have followed the case in the news and I have wondered why so much money and attention has been consumed to pursue Microsoft on issues which could have been decided in much less time. Frankly, the case has the public appearance of Microsoft being punished for leading the competition with software which is more competent and less expensive for average users than Microsoft's competitors.

Skepticism aside, I hope the settlement is enacted because this issue has had its day in court and because the issues which were believed to be important have been answered. I am very pleased that the U.S. Department of Justice reached an accord with Microsoft. The fact that such an accord was reached by the federal government and nine of the states involved in the action should weigh heavily in favor of allowing this settlement to move toward enactment.

Thank you for your attention to my letter.

Sincerely,



Ron Sauby